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Gulf War

Iraqi aircraft attacked an oil pumping station near Khorramabad and an oil refinery at Tabriz, scoring accurate and effective hits, a military spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by INA. He admitted that one Iraqi plane was downed over Iranian territory. Tehran radio subsequently confirmed that an Iraqi aircraft was shot down during a "foiled" raid on the Tabriz refinery. Earlier, British shipping sources cited by INA disclosed that the ship hit by an Iraqi missile south of Khark Island on 30 May was the Liberian vessel *Atlanticos*, a large tanker chartered to a Japanese company. INA also cited reports that the Iraqi siege of Khark prompted Lloyd's to raise insurance premiums on shipping heading for the island and caused Iranian oil exports from Khark to fall from 1.7 million to 700,000 barrels per day.

Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani reiterated Iran's warning that it will resist U.S. intervention in the Gulf, telling military personnel in a speech reported by Tehran radio that the Iranian people will respond by "heading for the Gulf in multitudes" to render it insecure. If Iran decides to harm oil installations in the Gulf states, "then we would do it in a way that they would be unable to rebuild them in the near future," he stated. The Majlis speaker charged that the lifestyle of the Gulf shaykhdoms is akin to "living in glass houses," because they depend on ports, installations, and oil pipelines that can be "destroyed by mortars, let alone air strikes."

Defense Minister Salim Sabah as-Salim denied that Kuwaiti forces have mobilized but disclosed that the Kuwaiti Air Force and air defenses are taking "special precautions," according to a statement to *AL-WATAN* cited by KUNA. He confirmed that Kuwait wishes to purchase Stinger missiles from the United States, adding that the latter has agreed in principle to this request. Earlier, *AL-WATAN* reported that despite Iran's preparations for a new offensive there are other signs that can be construed as a "hopeful development" in efforts to reduce tension. Iran has decided to close down the Voice of the Iraqi Islamic Revolution radio, for example, while Iraq has moderated its position toward Iraqis of Iranian origin, according to sources cited by the Kuwaiti paper.

In another development, Jordan's King Husayn discussed the situation in the Gulf "in light of the Iranian regime's escalation of its aggression against Iraq and Arab interests" during talks with the Bahraini amir in Manama, Amman radio and Manama television reported. Husayn affirmed Jordan's commitment to support Bahrain and other fraternal Arab states against this common danger, the radio said.

In Amman the paper *SAWT ASH-SHA'B* berated the U.S. Administration for its attempt to "play down" the Iranian attacks on Arab tankers, asserting that this policy is aimed at forcing a confrontation between Iran and the Gulf states in order to facilitate U.S. intervention in the area.

Lebanon

The security situation in Beirut deteriorated on the evening of 31 May as 4 people were killed and 45 others were wounded in shelling that was especially severe in the southern suburb, Beirut radio reported.

Earlier, after hearing Prime Minister Rashid Karami's policy statement, the Chamber of Deputies adjourned until 5 June, when it will debate the statement, the radio noted.

Egypt

Commenting on the recent People's Assembly elections in remarks reported by MENA, President Husni Mubarak said he wished that all competing parties had succeeded in obtaining representation in the Assembly so that it would represent all trends. The president stressed that there is nothing between himself and any party.

As for Egyptian-Soviet relations, Mubarak confirmed that the two countries will exchange ambassadors "soon," according to Cairo radio.

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Clashes Between Government, Sikhs Continue in North

Gun Battle at Golden Temple

BK011133 Hong Kong AFP in English 1114 GMT 1 Jun 84

[By P.P. Ramachandran]

[Excerpt] New Delhi, June 1 (AFP) — Paramilitary forces fought a running gunbattle with Sikh extremists holed up in and around the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab, today, leaving at least three people wounded, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported. The exchange of fire between the Sikhs and the Border Security Forces (BSF) was sporadic, but at times heavy firing was reported from several places near the Golden Temple.

Sikhs campaigning for greater state autonomy and religious concessions are based in the temple, the holiest Sikh shrine, where security forces are reluctant to enter through fear of provoking a major outbreak of violence. More than 250 people have been killed in connection with the campaign since the beginning of the year.

The three wounded, who included one woman, were hospitalised in serious condition. No details of how they were hit were given.

The gunbattle took place as local newsmen reported large-scale troop movements in the state as a precautionary measure against possible violence during the next phase of the campaign, due to begin Sunday. State Police Chief Pritam Singh Bhinder refused to deny or confirm the reports.

Punjab Governor Bhairab Dutt Pande, who heads the state administration ellowing the imposition of direct federal rule last October, today met with his senior aides this morning in Chandigarh, the state capital.

Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, chairman of the Akali Dal, the Sikh political party, contacted Federal President Zail Singh and Interior Minister Prakash Chandra Sethi in New Delhi and Governor Pande in Chandigarh by telephone from Amritsar to protest what he called the "indiscriminate firing" by security forces around the Golden Temple, PTI said. Mr. Pande asked the Akali chief to calm down the people firing from within the Golden Temple, PTI said, quoting Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, a parliamentarian and aide to Mr. Longowal.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi condemned the killing of innocent people in Punjab and asked activists in her ruling Congress Party to oppose such elements in the northern state. She said Punjab extremists were receiving help from outside India but did not name the sources. Addressing [words indistinct] Mrs. Gandhi also urged her supporters to fight other anti-national elements operating elsewhere in the country. She said Sikh extremists were gaining an edge over the moderates in the Punjab crisis.

The *HINDUSTAN TIMES* said in New Delhi today that Mr. Pande had been asked by Mrs. Gandhi to adopt a tough line and not to hesitate to call in the Army if the situation demanded. Being a border state, Punjab has large Army bases, and officials said Army help could be brought in just 30 minutes.

Official Justifies Temple Shooting

BK011605 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Jun 84

[Text] An official spokesman in New Delhi said this evening that, during the day, two persons were going to the Golden Temple from Darbar Sahib Gate. The Border Security Force [BSF] men on duty suspected them to be carrying Sten guns. Being chased, they ran toward the temple complex. The BSF party was fired upon from the roof of the building inside the temple complex. They returned the fire in self-defense when they were fired upon from different directions. Automatic weapons and even light machine guns were used from inside the temple complex. One BSF subinspector received a bullet injury and the other constable was injured.

Terrorists Arrested

BK011308 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 1 Jun 84

[Text] In Amritsar, security forces were fired upon from within the Golden Temple complex this afternoon. The inspector general of police, Mr P.S. Bhinder, told newsmen in Chandigarh that intermittent firing is continuing. He said that security forces were fired upon from (Bahambuta) area, Chowk Kandas, and Ata Mandi areas. He said that security forces also returned the fire. Mr Bhinder said one Border Security Force jawan [soldier] has been injured in the exchange of fire and one body of a woman was found. Three injured persons, including a woman, have been admitted to the hospital.

In Amritsar, police today arrested two terrorists and recovered arms and ammunition from them. The inspector general of police, Mr Bhinder, said they are among the four persons who were moving in a rickshaw suspiciously. When security forces challenged them, two ran away and one of the nabbed was injured in the firing. The police suspect that the probable target was the Punjab Bahratiya Janata Party chief, Dr Baldev Prakash, who lives nearby. Mr Bhinder said during preliminary interrogation, they named the other two accomplices who escaped.

The adviser to the Punjab governor, Dr S.S. Sidhu, has said that the government is fully prepared to meet any situation arising out of the Akali Dal's noncooperation agitation from Sunday. He was speaking to newsmen in Jagraon today on his arrival to convey the government's sympathies to the families of the eight victims killed by the extremists at Tihara. Dr Sidhu announced an ex-gratia relief of 10,000 rupees each to the families of the dead.

Punjab Troops Redeployed

BK010804 Hong Kong AFP in English 0749 GMT 1 Jun 84

[By Dilip Ganguly]

[Excerpt] New Delhi, June 1 (AFP) — Heavy troop movements in various parts of Punjab were reported today as Indian security

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Saudi aircraft intercepted and downed "a target" moving toward the Saudi coast on the afternoon of 5 June, Riyadh radio and INA reported.

Iraq possesses "a new weapon" with "tremendous destructive power" and is capable of destroying Khark Island should "efforts to bring Iran to its senses" fail, according to a statement by the Iraqi culture and information minister reported by INA. The minister warned that any new Iranian aggression against Iraq will prompt it to "wipe out" vital military targets deep inside Iran.

On the diplomatic front, Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i told the visiting president of Algeria's National Assembly that Iran has no intention of "spreading" the Iran-Iraq war, IRNA disclosed. In a meeting with Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani reported by Tehran radio, the Algerian official expressed concern over the Gulf crisis and indicated that Algeria is willing to "exchange ideas" in connection with recent events in the area. Meanwhile, the Algerian minister of state for the presidency and envoy of President Chadli Bendjedid arrived in Baghdad on 4 June, according to INA. He departed after delivering a message from Bendjedid to Iraqi President Saddam Husayn, the agency added.

Egypt

Prime Minister Fu'ad Muhyi ad-Din died of a heart attack on 5 June, MENA announced. Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali has been designated acting prime minister by presidential decree, according to Cairo radio.

Syria

Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam, in an interview with a Lebanese magazine transmitted by SANA, reaffirmed Syria's "unswerving commitment" to help defend neutral Gulf states that are subject to aggression. He added that during his recent visit to Tehran, Iranian officials indicated their desire to establish good relations with Arab governments in the Gulf. Khaddam said Syria will agree to "any security arrangements" the Lebanese Government makes in order to achieve a full Israeli withdrawal, provided that they do not harm the security and interests of Lebanon or Syria and do not involve direct negotiations between Lebanon and Israel. Asked about reports of internal differences in the Syrian regime, Khaddam claimed that "such illusions" are spread by Syria's enemies in an attempt to distort its image.

Lebanon

The Israeli liaison office at Ad-Dubayyah continues to operate, and Israel has not received any request to close it down, Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir's communications and foreign press adviser announced in a statement reported by Jerusalem radio. The announcement followed Lebanese Defense Minister 'Adil 'Usayran's assertion, reported by Beirut radio, that the office has already been closed and will not be permitted to reopen.

Ministers Nabih Birri and Walid Junblatt discussed the Lebanese situation with Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam in Damascus, according to Damascus radio. Meanwhile, the security situation in Beirut was disturbed by further clashes, Voice of Lebanon radio reported, and attempts to reopen the crossing points in the capital failed because of disputes about the removal of earth barriers. The Command Council of the Lebanese Forces, in a statement broadcast by the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon, called on the Amal Movement and the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) to prevent other organizations in West Beirut from obstructing security measures approved by Amal and the PSP.

PLO Affairs

Following its 5-day meeting in Tunis, the Fatah Central Committee issued a communique approving the direction taken by the Palestinian reconciliation talks and stating that a Fatah delegation will be sent to the PDRY later in June for a further round of talks, KUNA reported.

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PDRY Official Arrives in Kabul, Reaffirms Ties

LD050630 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 0630 GMT 4 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, 4 Jun (BAKHTAR) — Salim Muhammad, member of the Yemen Socialist Party Central Committee, first secretary of Hadramawt Province, and member of the Supreme People's Council of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, leading a delegation, arrived in Kabul today for an official and friendly visit at the invitation of the PDPA Central Committee.

Upon his arrival at Kabul International Airport, he told a BAKHTAR correspondent he was carrying a message of friendship from 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, general secretary of the Yemen Socialist Party Central Committee, to Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council. He said that he was also conveying warm and fraternal greetings from the people of Yemen to the brothers of revolutionary Afghanistan.

He expressed happiness at this visit to our revolutionary country and hoped that it would further strengthen relations and cooperation between the two countries. Salim added that the peoples of Afghanistan and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen are fighting in the same trench.

Appreciating the heroic struggle of the DRA people against reaction and imperialism, he expressed hope that the Afghan people would achieve greater victories.

'Non-Muslim Rebels' Explode Bomb in Kabul Bus

LD041633 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1600 GMT 4 Jun 84

[Text] Non-Muslim rebels aroused endless hatred and resentment of our people toward them by committing another dreadful and intimidating crime. According to a report by a source of the country's security force to BAKHTAR, the servants of imperialism last evening at about 1800 the evening of the sacred month of Ramadan, by planting a bomb in a bus on Mir Wais Maydan route [in Kabul city] martyred a number of our compatriots who were fasting and wounded a number of others. The source added that this unforgivable crime, which has aroused people's endless hatred and resentment, will be never left without punishment, and the mercenary perpetrators will be punished for this foul crime.

(?If) we deeply think about this act: Non-Muslim rebels committed this foul act under the name of the sacred Islam religion, in the sacred month of Ramadan — the month of prayer — against our innocent compatriots. This action once again exposes the nature of American servants and American [words indistinct] and shows the beastial enmity of rebels toward our people.

Counterrevolutionaries in Sangcharak Crushed

LD050634 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 4 Jun 84

[Text] A 50-man band of rebels — those traitorous elements to the homeland, people, and the April Revolution — belonging to a Maoist group which wanted to disrupt the security of the toiling people of Sorkh village, Sangcharak District, Jowzjan Province, was recently crushed by the heroic officers and troops of the tribal brigade from (Sozma Qala) village in that district. Its ringleader was also crushed.

A knowledgeable source said that 1 rocket launcher, a number of assorted weapons and ammunition, some hand grenades, and leaflets proving their link with counterrevoltuionary bands abroad were seized from them.

Panjsher Families Continue To Return to Valley

LD050624 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 5 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 4, BAKHTAR — With the consolidation of the state power by the heroic security forces of the DRA in Panjsher District, the inhabitants of the district have returned to their houses and have resumed their normal life in the valley.

In this series over fifty families consisting of 350 persons, including women and children, returned to their houses. These families, which were compelled to leave their houses by the anti-people and cruel actions of the criminal and terroristic band of Ahmad Shah Masud, the lackeys of reaction, and imperialism, at the head U.S. imperialism, returned to their houses in the subdistrict of second part of Panjsher District.

In a grand meeting held on the occasion, a number of elders and representatives of the workers of Panjsher, while expressing their indignation to the criminal actions of Ahmad Shah's criminal band, have severely denounced the notorious actions of Ahmad Shah's terroristic band.

They pledged their all-sided support to the party and Government of the DRA.

Mujahidin Cut Kabul-USSR Highway in 4 Places

BK050316 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 5 Jun 84

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan speak of a shortage of daily consumer goods, including food, oil, and fuel in Kabul. These things are being sold at very exorbitant prices. The reason for the price increase is that the road link between the northern areas and the capital of Afghanistan has been cut off. During clashes in Panjsher, the mujahidin cut the highway leading from Kabul to northern areas and to the Soviet Union in four places. Traffic has still not resumed on this highway. In Samangan Province near the Soviet border, the mujahidin are continuously launching attacks on a part of the highway, creating a new situation.

Other Mujahidin Successes Noted

LD042244 Riyadh SPA in English 1910 GMT 4 Jun 84

[Text] Islamabad, June 4, SPA — Afghan resistance forces have won a number of successes in their attacks against Soviet Union and the Karmal regime since mid-May, AFGHAN PRESS AGENCY said today.

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Monitored Saudi media have not been heard to report the downing of a second plane during the 5 June aerial engagement off the Saudi coast. Monitored Iranian media have not acknowledged the loss of any planes but instead focused on reaction to an Iraqi air raid on the northwestern city of Baneh. A military communique broadcast by Tehran radio warned that 11 designated Iraqi cities will be subject to ground and air attacks to avenge the Iraqi raid, which killed or wounded more than 600 Iranians. The Iranian president and prime minister likewise promised vengeance. The casualties were heavy, Tehran radio noted, because the Iraqi planes bombed participants in marches commemorating the anniversary of the uprising against the shah in 1963.

Responding to Iran's threat to hit 11 Iraqi cities, a military communique broadcast by Baghdad radio said Iraq will be obliged to retaliate by raiding 15 specified Iranian cities, including Dezful, Ahvaz, and Tabriz. Earlier, the regular Iraqi communique on military activities, broadcast by the radio, did not mention the air raid on Baneh or any other Iraqi Air Force activity on 5 June, although Radio Monte Carlo cited reports that squadrons of Iraqi aircraft were seen heading toward the warfront for the first time in several weeks. In a subsequent development, Iraqi planes overflew the city of Khorramabad but were "forced to flee" by Iranian air defenses, according to Tehran radio.

Commenting on the crisis in the Gulf, Riyadh radio said there is still cause for hope because Iraq and Iran are both eager to preserve their material and human resources. The radio welcomed the Bahraini foreign minister's recent statement that the GCC countries will not be drawn into the war but will defend themselves. Meanwhile, Jordan's King Husayn discussed the escalation of the war in talks with the amir of Kuwait, KUNA reported citing an official Kuwaiti source. The two sides emphasized the need for unified Arab action to avert any further aggravation of the situation, Amman television noted in a report on Husayn's "brief working visit." In Tehran Algerian envoy Rabah Bitat said after concluding his talks with Iranian officials that Algeria continues to stand by Iran but hopes that "genuine peace" will return to the Gulf, Tehran radio reported.

Meanwhile, in a statement broadcast by Tehran radio, Iran's "Seal of the Prophets" headquarters warned the United States against intervening in the Gulf, asserting that direct combat against the Americans "will be among the sweetest moments of our lives" and that Iran's Islamic fighters are prepared to repeat the lesson taught the Americans in Lebanon and "make their corpses food for the fish" in the Persian Gulf.

Israel

Israeli forces captured four terrorists in the southern Golan Heights area after an IDF patrol discovered a hole in the security fence east of Mevo Hama, Jerusalem radio reported. In the course of interrogation, the terrorists revealed that they had intended to commit a terrorist act in order to negotiate the release of terrorists held in Israel, the radio added.

Lebanon

The Chamber of Deputies met to begin discussion of the government policy statement, according to Beirut radio. Ministers Walid Junblatt and Nabih Birri did not attend the session. Addressing the deputies, former Prime Minister Sa'ib Salam urged the government to provide security before anything else and not to overwhelm the people with promises and dreams, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported.

In another development, Defense Minister 'Adil 'Usayran stressed the need to eliminate sectarianism in the Lebanese Army and predicted that changes will take place soon in the senior ranks of the Army Command, according to the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio. Nabih Birri announced that he had rejected President Amin al-Jumayyil's proposal to replace the Army commander with a Maronite officer and to create the post of deputy commander to be filled by a Shi'ite, Beirut radio reported. Birri explained that the proposal does not alter the imbalance in the Army structure.

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Security Forces Crush Rebels Throughout Country

LD051449 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 5 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, 5 Jun, (BAKHTAR) — BAKHTAR information agency, quoting a source of Parvan security forces, reports that as a result of successful operations carried by brave security forces in Parvan Province, a number of armed rebels were crushed. Twenty hand grenades, 14 assorted weapons, 17,800 rounds of ammunition, one rocket launcher with a number of its shells, 60 antitank and antipersonnel mines, two ammunition depots, and six foodstuff depots have been seized from the criminals. Four of their DShK's, 10 rocket launchers, and 15 hideouts were destroyed.

According to another report, as a result of operations by the aware security forces of Faryab Province, a number of armed rebels were crushed and seven of the criminals were captured together with their arms. Five assorted weapons, 30,580 rounds of ammunition, and six mines were also seized from them.

According to BAKHTAR information agency, quoting a source of Paktia Province security forces, in the course of recent operations in Sekandar Kheyl region of that province, a number of rebels were crushed and 39 various types of weapons, two DShK's, one mortar, and two hand grenades were seized from them. Ten DShK's, eight mortars and three recoilless guns were destroyed. Similarly, in the course of other operations by the vigilant security forces in Badakhshan Province, a number of armed rebels were crushed and a number of them were wounded.

Our vigilant security forces carried out successful operations in Narang subdistrict and Tapur area of Konarha Province, as a result of which a number of armed rebels were crushed and one of their rocket launchers, four DShK's, and two ammunition and foodstuff deports were destroyed. According to another report, a number of rebels were crushed in Dasht-e Saqab [in Kabul Province] and (Saber) village, and a quantity of assorted weapons and six boxes of DShK ammunition were seized from them.

Fate of Afghan 'Fugitives' in Iran, Pakistan Depicted

LD060556 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 5 Jun 84

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] A political commentator from BAKHTAR writes: New facts are being revealed daily about the destiny of Afghan fugitives in foreign lands. Afghan fugitives, who have left the motherland as a result of deception, threat, or intimidation, are not only subject to a very merciless prejudice, oppression, and dishonor, but are used to satisfy the hungry warmongering appetites of the selfish chauvinists and the reactionary regimes in Iran and Pakistan.

The fact that the oppressive and reactionary ruling regime in Iran makes use of the Afghan fugitives in that country as cannon fodder in its fratricidal war against Iraq is not something new. Several times the international press has published a series of reports that the religious leaders in Iran send group after group of Afghans to the slaughterhouse of the warfront in order to quench the thirst of foul chauvinism in the war against Iraq. Similarly, objective witnesses on many occasions have confessed to this fact. A few days ago hundreds of our persecuted people, who had freed themselves from the oppression of the guards of the reactionary regime in Iran and returned to their homes in Nimroz Province, exposed the tyranny and oppression which the authorities of the regime of the reaction of Middle Ages in Iran and its guardian troops have inflicted on the fugitive Afghans in Iran. They said that the guardian troops of the Iranian regime hunt group after group of Afghan fugitives and send them into the fratricidal war against Iraq in order to compensate for its great losses. The reactionary tyrannical regime in Iran tries to hide this fact by various means and thus hoodwink the people of the world and hide from them its weakness. However, the facts are so evident that the reactionary regime in Tehran cannot cover them.

The organ of the people's mojahedin organization of Iran, *MOJAHED*, in its latest issue has published clear and exposing documents in this regard. In one of these documents, which bears the signature of a commander in a department of the regime's guards in (?Tehran) and which is addressed to a group of Afghan counterrevolutionaries, it is written that due to special conditions which exist on the Iranian front, this group should send a number of its men to the [word indistinct] front in order to assist the regime's army. Another document, which is a letter from an Afghan counterrevolutionary group addressed to the regime's guards in (?Elam-e Gharb), not only exposes the dragging of fugitive Afghans to the warfront against Iraq, but shows clearly that the regime in Iran evades paying these (?terrorist self-sacrificers) and sends them in a war against people of their own faith like unpaid servants. Another document lists the names of a number of Afghanis who have been sacrificed to the lunatic warmongering of the ruling regime in Iran. These are names of those Afghans who, away from their homes, hearths, and families, have been sent to the (Elam-e Gharb) and Kermanshah fronts against Iraq and have been killed.

These documents once again reveal the disturbing condition of Afghan fugitives in the land of others and shows that the Afghan counterrevolutionaries are used as tools in the hands of the Iranian and Pakistani reactionary regimes for crushing the people of these two countries and for furthering their warmongering chauvinist goals. Looking at these facts, it is no coincidence that the existence of the Afghan counterrevolutionary nests in the territories of Pakistan and Iran, which is a heavy burden on the shoulders of the people of both these countries, has more than ever before provoked the indignation and hatred of the people of Iran and Pakistan.

Sending Afghan fugitives into the fratricidal war with Iraq and the policy of the reactionary regime of Iran in this regard, which has no accord whatever with Islam, as well as its aim to murder one brother at the hand of another brother, will endanger the tense situation in the Gulf region more than ever before. This futile war will only serve the interests of U.S. imperialism, which wants to prolong this (?game). The consequences of this will be borne by those who broaden this adventure by dragging in Afghan fugitives and mercenaries.

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Gulf Conflict

Attacks on Towns — Iraqi defenders downed one of four Iranian fighters which attacked the towns of Jalula' and Kifri in Diyala Governorate, killing eight people, according to a military communique carried by INA. The plane crashed in flames in Iranian territory, the communique added. A communique reported by IRNA the same day claimed that Iranian fighter-bombers attacked "installations" in the towns of Kifri and As-Sa'diyah and returned safely to base.

Reporting on another development, the INA communique announced that Iraqi fighters carried out successful raids against "selected targets" in Gilan-e Gharb and Dehloran and against Iranian troop concentrations in the Maysan sector. The Iranian communique reported that "several" people were killed or wounded in Iraqi air raids on Dehloran and Gilan-e Gharb, but claimed that antiaircraft fire had driven Iraqi planes away from the town of Dow Rud.

Saddam Husayn Remarks — Iraqi President Saddam Husayn called for a "final blow" to the oil installations that make up Iran's "nerve center," INA reported. Addressing Iraqi pilots, Husayn urged them to deal "fierce blows" to Iranian economic targets, saying that by intensifying such blows they will hasten the end of the war.

Gulf Developments — An "official source" cited by SPA reaffirmed that the Iranian F-4 downed by Saudi fighters was shot down over Saudi territorial waters. Regarding the Iranian Foreign Ministry protest note on the incident, the source stated that there is nothing to add to the official statement issued by the Saudi Government. He noted that his country does not wish to escalate the situation in the Gulf.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti minister of state for Cabinet affairs stated that Kuwait had no knowledge of any U.S. measures to protect Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf, adding that Kuwait had not asked any side to protect its tankers, KUNA reported.

Lebanon

Soviet-manned antiaircraft weapons and artillery have been brought to Syrian frontline positions in the western Al-Biqa' valley, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon. The radio reported that the Syrian command has decided to move its 27th Brigade from the Barr Ilyas area to the Hammana area.

In another development, the speaker of the Chamber of Deputies adjourned the debate on the government policy statement until 11 June, at which time a vote of confidence in the government "might" be held, Beirut radio reported.

Clashes eased in Beirut after a cease-fire agreeent was reached, Beirut radio announced. The radio stated, however, that the agreement has not been observed completely and that sniper fire is continuing along the confrontation lines. Meanwhile, Minister of State for South Lebanon and Reconstruction Nabih Birri blamed Israeli arms and "agents" for the escalation of violence in Beirut, describing it as a form of "blackmail" against the Lebanese Cabinet, according to Beirut radio.

A person identifying himself as a member of the Islamic Jihad organization telephoned AFP's Beirut bureau and warned nationals of Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE to leave Lebanon within 2 weeks or suffer the same fate as the American and French contingents of the Beirut peacekeeping forces. Another AFP report said the unoccupied Saudi chancery in Beirut was extensively damaged in two explosions caused by a rocket and an "explosive charge."

Israel

The Jerusalem District Court sentenced No'am Yinon to 1 and 1/2 years in prison with an additional 1 and 1/2 years suspended sentence for his part in the Jewish underground affairs, IDF Radio reported. He was found guilty of helping to transfer 50 Syrian mines from the Qeshet settlement to the Nof settlement. The presiding judge indicated that the accused may not have known what the mines were intended for, the radio added.

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Karmal Meets With Visiting PDRY Official

LD080549 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0433 GMT 8 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 7, BAKHTAR — Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, received Salim Mohammad, member of the Central Committee of the Yemen Socialist Party and first secretary of Hadhramaut Province of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen at the headquarters of the Revolutionary Council here today.

At this meeting which took place in a friendly atmosphere Salim Mohammad expressed the best wishes of 'Ali Nasir Mohammad, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Yemen Socialist Party to Babrak Karmal. The matters of mutual interests of the parties, states and peoples of the two countries were discussed.

Present at the meeting was Fazl Ahmad Toghyan, alternate member of the PDPA CC and governor of Kabul Province of the DRA.

Defense Minister, Officials Meet With Baghlan Elders

LD061831 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Jun 84

[Text] A number of the elders and leaders of Banow village, Andarab District, Baghlan Province, at a meeting in which Major General Abdol Qader, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of national defense also took part, assured the revolutionary government that they were defending the gains of the April Revolution, particularly its new development stage, as they safeguard their own life and that they would not allow the counterrevolutionary elements — those real enemies of the revolutionary Afghanistan — to operate in their region against the April Revolution.

At this meeting, in which hundreds of the people of this region and its environs took part, the minister of defense conveyed to the people of this village the best wishes and greetings of Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, which were warmly welcomed by the audience.

In his talk about the objectives of the party and the DRA revolutionary government for the interest of the masses of the country, Major General Abdol Qader expressed appreciation for warm feelings of the toiling people of Andarab District toward the party and the revolutionary government.

This meeting was also attended by General Mohammad Nabi 'Azimi, deputy minister of defense; General Abdol Qader Meyakhel, deputy chief of staff; the head of the northeast zone; the governor of Baghlan, and some party and government officials of Parvan Province.

Austerity Measures, Price Revisions Set on Oil, Gas

LD070634 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0439 GMT 7 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 6, BAKHTAR — The Revolutionary Council of the DRA has lately passed certain resolutions and has given guidance on them concerning state organizations in regards to the distribution of petroleum to the consumers throughout the country.

According to these resolutions, the government institutions have been assigned to observe austerity measures in their petroleum consumptions.

In order to prevent the speculation of gas, the resolution has revised the gas price, as following:

Petroleum 20 afs per liter and diesel 14 afs per liter. Since kerosene is only used for heating and cooking therefore its price is kept the same as usual, 14 afs per liter.

It also needs to be mentioned that large amounts of petroleum and diesel provided by the Soviet Union has reached and being distributed in different parts of the country.

Security Force Successes in Provinces Touted

LD071712 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 7 Jun 84

[Text] Quoting a responsible source of the security forces in Parvan Province, a BAKHTAR correspondent reports that as a result of a successful operation carried out by the militant security forces in the villages of Parvan Province, a number of armed rebels belonging to the so-called Eslami band were crushed. Six assorted weapons, 950 rounds of ammunition, 400 rounds of DShK ammunition, 3 foodstuffs, medicine, and clothing stores were seized; and 1 DShK, 1 mortar and 3 hideouts were destroyed.

During an operation in the Sar-e Pol district of Jowzjan Province carried out by the security forces of the province, three rebels were killed and three different types of weapons were seized. According to another report, the security forces mounted a series of operations in the villages of Herat Province, as a result of which a number of armed rebels were crushed; 30 of these criminals were captured along with a quantity of ammunition and assorted weapons.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that during an operation carried out in the villages of Konarha Province, a number of armed rebels were crushed and two DShK's were destroyed.

A spokesman for the security forces in Paktia Province told a BAKHTAR correspondent that recent operations mounted by the security forces in the 'Ali Khel area of the province resulted in a number of armed rebels being crushed and a quantity of weapons and equipment being seized, while two DShK's, two mortars, and three recoilless rifles were destroyed.

According to another report from Balkh Province, as a result of a successful operation mounted in the Joe Jadid village, Gol Dara

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Keshtmand Receives Olszowski

LD111634 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 11 Jun 84

[Text] Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the DRA Revolutionary Council and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, this afternoon at 1700 met with Stefan Olszowski, member of the Politburo of the Polish United Workers Party and minister of foreign affairs of the Polish People's Republic. The meeting was held at the Council of Ministers headquarters.

During the meeting, in which Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs, was also present, mutual relations and the further expanding of friendly and fraternal links between the peoples, parties, and governments of both countries and a number of international affairs of mutual interest were discussed in a friendly and sincere atmosphere.

Dost, Olszowski Sign Agreements

LD111709 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 11 Jun 84

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, the minister of foreign affairs, this morning met with Stefan Olszowski, member of the Polish United Workers Party [PZPR] Central Committee Politburo and minister of foreign affairs of the People's Republic of Poland, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the meeting, in which the delegations of both sides were also present, views were exchanged on major international affairs of mutual interest and the expansion and further broadening of mutual friendly relations between the DRA and the People's Republic of Poland. The talks were conducted in a friendly and sincere atmosphere. Both sides informed each other of internal developments in their countries and the major gains of their people.

According to another report, talks between the two sides also continued in the afternoon, and subsequently a consular agreement and a program for scientific and technical cooperation between the DRA and the Polish People's Republic for 1984-1986, as well as a program of cooperation between the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic for 1984-1985, were signed this afternoon in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

These documents were signed on the DRA side by Shah Mohammad Dost, the minister of foreign affairs, and on the Polish People's Republic side by Stefan Olszowski, member of the PZPR Central Committee Politburo and minister of foreign affairs of the Polish People's Republic.

During the signing of the documents, the deputy ministers and a number of high-ranking officials of the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the members of the delegation accompanying Stefan Olszowski were also present.

Hundreds of Civilians Said Killed in Herat Attack

BK121124 Hong Kong AFP in English 1105 GMT 12 Jun 84

[Text] Islamabad, June 12 (AFP) — Hundreds of civilians have been killed in a Soviet-Afghan infantry drive backed by massive air attacks against the western Afghan province of Herat, an Afghan resistance spokesman based in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar said today. He said the city of Herat, Afghanistan's third largest, was entirely surrounded by Soviet and Afghan Government troops.

Western diplomatic sources here, citing reports from Kabul, confirmed that fierce fighting was taking place around Herat, located about 50 kms (30 miles) from the Iranian border.

The diplomats said Soviet and Afghan Government troops had launched an offensive to quash rebel activity in the area. Moslem fighters have been active there since the start of a Soviet drive against the Panjsher valley north of Kabul, nearly two months ago.

The rebel spokesman in Peshawar said at least 12 villages in Herat Province had been razed since the start of the offensive 10 days ago. He said some 10,000 Soviet-Afghan troops were involved, adding that the mujahidin had taken refuge in the mountains north of the city of Herat.

Seven Aircraft Hit in Attack on Bagram Air Base

LD112136 Riyadh SPA in English 1956 GMT 11 Jun 84

[Text] Islamabad, June 11, SPA — Afghani mujahidin made a daring attack on one of the two largest Soviet air bases in Afghanistan on the night of June 4, destroying two aircraft and damaging five others, the unofficial AGENCY AFGHAN PRESS (AAP) reported today. Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, was attacked by rocket launcher, the agency said. Beside seven Soviet aircraft hit, mujahidin also damaged an electronic institute nearby, AAP said. Dozens of Soviet soldiers were killed during the attack, the agency said.

Another AAP report today said that on May 27 mujahidin attacked a Soviet Afghan Government convoy at Imam [rest of name indistinct] in northern Afghanistan, and a dozen Soviet and 19 Afghan Government troops were killed.

Security Forces Crush Rebels, Seize Weapons in Parvan

LD111505 Kabul BAKHTAR in Pashto 1245 GMT 11 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, 11 Jun (BAKHTAR) — The crushing of rebels — those enemies of the well-being and prosperity of our compatriots — continues. In the course of recent successful mopping-up operations, which were carried out by the heroic security forces in Parvan Province, a number of armed rebels who were engaged in plunder and terror in the region were crushed, and a number of weapons and assorted ammunition were seized from the criminals. Three DShK's, one heavy machine gun, and three depots belong to the enemy were destroyed.

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Karmal Receives Olszowski

LD122024 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Jun 84

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, this afternoon at 1700 received Stefan Olszowski, member of the Polish United Workers Party [PZPR] and foreign affairs minister of the Polish People's Republic, at council headquarters. Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs, was present at this meeting.

Babrak Karmal spoke of the gains of the April Revolution and its new development phase in realizing the historic aspirations of the country's toilers and defending the independence and sovereignty of the DRA against the undeclared war of reaction and imperialism, on the friendly and fraternal relations between the DRA and the Polish People's Republic and their further strengthening, on the present situation in the region and the world, and on the efforts of the DRA Government to find a political settlement for the Afghan situation as a main step toward maintaining security and stability in the region.

In return, Stefan Olszowski conveyed to Babrak Karmal the warm and friendly greeting and best wishes of Gen Wojciech Jaruzelski, first secretary of the PZPR Central Committee and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Polish People's Republic, and of Henryk Jablonski, chairman of that country's Council of State. He also described the victories of the Polish people in overcoming social and economic problems in recent years and the present stability of the situation in the Polish People's Republic. On behalf of the Polish party, Government and people, he expressed Poland's fraternal solidarity and support for the struggle of Afghan people under the leadership of the PDPA for the construction of a new and just society in Afghanistan. This was warmly received by Babrak Karmal.

During this meeting, Stefan Olszowski delivered to Babrak Karmal a friendly message from Wojciech Jaruzelski which expresses a desire to meet Babrak Karmal. The message was accepted with thanks.

Olszowski Discusses Visit

LD130716 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0423 GMT 13 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 12, BAKHTAR — "We welcome and support the efforts of the PDPA, the government and patriotic forces of Afghanistan aimed at strengthening the achievements of the revolution and acceleration of progressive social and economic transformations." This was said by Stefan Olszowski, member of Politburo of the Polish United Workers Party CC, minister of foreign affairs of the Polish People's Republic, in an interview with *HARIQAT-E-ENQELABE SAUR*, organ of the PDPA CC.

Stefan Olszowski arrived here at the invitation of the Government of the DRA for a friendly and official visit. Recalling the development of present relations between the two countries, he stated that the Polish-Afghan relations have a tradition of already more than 50 years. The two nations have always been linked by friendship and common love of freedom, he added.

"The victory of the April Revolution in Afghanistan," the Polish minister went to say, "has opened a new chapter in Afghan-Polish mutual relations. New opportunities for further and comprehensive development of bilateral relations and cooperation on the international forum have emerged. The political cooperation, above all between the Polish United Workers Party and the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, as well as economic, social, and cultural cooperation, are developing well in the interests of our peoples and governments."

"We also plan to increase scientific contacts and provide more opportunities for education of Afghan students in Poland," Stefan Olszowski said. He expressed confidence that the visit and talks with the party and state leaders of the DRA will add to consolidation of friendship and expansion of cooperation on new areas, as well as to consolidation of collaboration on the international forums in the interests of peace and progress.

Speaking about the foreign policy of Poland, Stefan Olszowski stated that his country is and shall main a trusted aily of the forces of peace, progress, and socialism and a credible partner in equitable and mutually advantageous economic cooperation with nonaligned countries. He reminded that in the past 40 years Poland has submitted many valuable initiatives to consolidate peace — the initiative concerning confidence-building measures in international economic relations.

"We know that threat to peace and armed conflicts on the Asian Continent can hardly leave the situation in Europe without an impact. We have always considered our special duty to commit ourselves in all those places, where peace was in jeopardy, where peoples fough: for their freedom and independence."

"Poland is maintaining good, friendly relations with the majority of Asian states," Stefan Olszowski concluded. "Our intention is to develop and consolidate these relations."

Joint Communique Issued

LD130519 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Jun 84

[Text] Joint communique of the DRA and Polish People's Republic [PPR]:

Stefan Olszowski, member of the Polish United Workers Party [PZPR] Central Committee Politburo and minister of foreign affairs of the Polish People's Republic, paid an official and friendly visit to the DRA from 21 to 24 Jawza, 1363, corresponding to 10-13 June 1984, at the invitation of the DRA Government.

During his stay in the DRA, Stefan Olszowski was received by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers.

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Gulf Conflict

The Iranian and Iraqi military communiques for 13 June, broadcast by Tehran and Baghdad radios, spoke of artillery battles along the warfronts but reported no further attacks on civilian targets. The commander of Iraq's III Army Corps said the Iranians have massed over 150,000 troops opposite Basra alone in preparation for a major attack, Radio Monte Carlo reported. However, Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati told a Cabinet meeting that foreign media have published baseless reports concerning Iran's decision to launch an offensive and have exaggerated the number of Iranian troops concentrated on the fronts, according to remarks cited by Tehran radio. Revolution Guards Corps Commander Mohsen Reza'i stressed earlier in remarks reported by IRNA that Iran should keep the momentum high at the warfronts to ensure the defeat of the Iraqi regime. In a further warning against allowing political activity among the Armed Forces, President 'Ali Khamene'i stressed the need for a "decisive stance toward political germs in the divine atmosphere of the fronts," according to Tehran radio.

Meanwhile, after the conclusion of the GCC foreign ministers meeting in At-Ta'if, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal said agreement was reached on all matters discussed at the session, which produced "better than expected" results, SPA reported. Prince Sa'ud confirmed the GCC will ask the UN Security Council to convene if attacks on Gulf shipping continue. In another development, the Bahraini prime minister warned in a press statement reported by Manama television that any interference by the major powers in the Gulf will only exacerbate the "explosive situation," which the GCC countries are trying to defuse through diplomatic means.

Lebanon

"Informed sources" cited by Radio Monte Carlo said that Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam will arrive in Beirut on 15 June for talks with President Amin al-Jumayyil and Prime Minister Rashid Karami.

In Beirut the security situation deteriorated once again, with clashes involving rocket, artillery, and automatic weapons fire occurring across the contact lines, according to Voice of Lebanon reports.

In the south the Lebanese National Resistance Front claimed to have shot down an Israeli helicopter in the Az-Zahrani area with a SAM-7, according to the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio. In another incident, four IDF soldiers were wounded by an explosive charge near a village east of Tyre, ITIM reported citing an IDF announcement.

The clandestine Radio Free Lebanon claimed that Syria has reinforced its third defense line in the Al-Biqa' valley with SAM-5's and other weapons systems.

PLO Affairs

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, in Rome to attend Enrico Berlinguer's funeral, held talks with Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, ANSA reported. The PLO chairman earlier told Palestinian fighters in Algeria that they will be given facilities to return to southern Lebanon to fight the Israelis in conjunction with the Lebanese nationalist forces, according to Radio Monte Carlo.

Meanwhile, Fatah Central Committee member Khalid al-Hasan's delegation concluded its visit to the Soviet Union, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio noted. Al-Hasan's talks with Soviet officials were aimed at completing the current Fatah-Soviet dialogue in order to strengthen the "joint relations of struggle," the radio said.

Sudan

The Sudanese Armed Forces on 6-11 June repulsed several attacks by groups of "outlaws" who infiltrated Sudan from camps inside Ethiopia, SUNA announced. The Armed Forces killed 355 of the infiltrators, according to MENA, and captured large quantities of weapons and ammunition.

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Press Conference

LD141004 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 13 Jun 84

[Text] The U.S. world-devouring imperialism is the leading force of tension in the world and encourages aggressive policies. This was stated by Stefan Olszowski, member of the Polish United Workers' Party [PZPR] Central Committee Politburo and minister of foreign affairs of the Polish People's Republic, this morning at a press conference held in his residence.

At the start he said: I was received yesterday afternoon at the Headquarters of the Revolutionary Council by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council. At this meeting he scientifically and comprehensively analyzed the April Revolution. I then presented to him the friendly and cordial message of Wojciech Jaruzelski, first secretary of the PZPR Central Committee and chairman of the Polish Council of Ministers, which contained a strong desire for good relations between the Polish People's Republic and the DRA, as well as an invitation extended to Babrak Karmal to visit the People's Republic of Poland."

Stefan Olszowski regarded his visit to the DRA as very useful and valuable. He expressed his full satisfaction at meeting Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers; Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; and at holding comprehensive talks with Shah Mohammad Dost, the DRA minister of foreign affairs. He expressed appreciation for the hospitality of the DRA authorities.

He also said: During my stay in the DRA, I succeeded in concluding a number of documents with the DRA authorities and reached agreement on a joint statement in which much attention has been paid to economic issues and cooperative movements.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that at the start of this press conference, in which the correspondents of various national publications and some representatives of press agencies of friendly countries took part, the Polish Foreign Minister spoke about the purpose and results of his visit to the DRA, and then replied to questions from the correspondents.

He said: The DRA and the Polish People's Republic have common friends and foes. Our close and earnest friend is the USSR which gave us unselfish, friendly assistance during difficult times. Our common enemy is the world-devouring U.S. imperialism, which is led by Reagan. It is this imperialism which has unleashed undeclared war against the DRA and strengthened counterrevolutionary bands. After training terrorist bands, it exports them to revolutionary Afghanistan to destroy schools, factories, bridges, and other public installations.

Imperialism also encourages capitalist countries to enforce economic sanctions against the Polish People's Republic and to embark on military adventurism. It creates military bases in various corners of the world. U.S. imperialism provides fuel for war and tension in the world.

Replying to a question about the broadening and further extension of scientific and economic cooperation between the DRA and the Polish People's Republic, Stefan Olszowski said: The agreements on economic and scientific cooperation concluded during my stay in the DRA will broaden and extend relations in the field of cartography and geology. Cooperation between the two countries in the field of medical schools has been broadened and the exchange of scientists between the two countries' academies of science will take place. On the basis of these agreements the number of Afghan students in Poland who are engaged in study will also be increased, and Polish students will also be sent to Kabul University.

He said: Although the Polish People's Republic during the past years could not sufficiently assist the friendly and fraternal DRA economically, economic cooperation will be broadened and extended as the two countries wish by the conclusion of these agreements. On the basis of these a Polish commercial office will be opened in the DRA in the near future.

The Polish foreign minister, in reply to another question, said: Supplying modern weapons and mobilizing countries with modern American weapons is a dangerous action. It heightens tension and endangers world peace. In the field of politics, Poland follow a policy of anti-imperialism because imperialism puts weapons at the disposal of groups who are against world peace and security.

My friends and I went yesterday to Martyrs' Hill and laid a wreath in honor of the martyrs of the path of revolution. The lives of those youths who were martyred by the agents of reaction and imperialism were very important to their families and to the construction of the society and country. They were martyred by American weapons.

Departure for Ulaanbaatar via USSR

LD131501 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 13 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, 13 Jun (BAKHTAR) — Stefan Olszowski, member of the PZPR Central Committee Politburo and minister of foreign affairs of the Polish People's Republic, who led a delegation that arrived in Kabul on 10 June on an official and friendly visit, left at noon today for Ulaanbaatar, via the Soviet Union.

The delegation was seen off at Kabul International Airport by Shah Mohammad Dost, the minister of foreign affairs; deputy ministers and a number of high-ranking officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Polish ambassador to Kabul; the Soviet ambassador to Kabul; the MPR ambassador to Kabul; charges d'affaires of friendly countries in Kabul; and members of the Polish Embassy in Kabul.

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Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah al-Ahmad as-Sabah, in an interview published by the London newspaper *Al-HAWADITH*, stated that his country does not accept intervention and does not grant facilities to any state, Eastern or Western, but may seek help by purchasing arms from "all sides." Asked about the possibility of a request for direct U.S. assistance, the foreign minister said: "I rule it out." He also declared that the Security Council should take action to end the Iran-Iraq war.

In a separate development, an Iranian Fokker F-27 transport plane made an "unexpected" landing at Bahrain airport, causing a 90-minute suspension of civilian air traffic, AFP reported.

Lebanon

A 2-hour exchange of fire took place in the eastern sector of southern Lebanon after an Israeli patrol was fired on from Syrian lines, Jerusalem radio announced. The Israeli forces responded with small arms and tank fire, the radio reported, adding that there were no Israeli casualties in the incident. IDF commanders cited by Jerusalem radio termed the clash a "local" incident not indicative of a Syrian attempt to "heat up" the sector. Nevertheless, the Israeli newspaper *HADASHOT* claimed that Israel had warned the Syrian authorities through diplomatic channels not to try to "heat up" the confrontation line.

In another incident, Lebanese resistance fighters on 14 June fired two Katyusha rockets which fell near the northern Israeli settlement of Misgav 'Am, the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio announced. IDF Radio reported that two craters caused by Katyusha rockets were discovered in southern Lebanon not far from the Israeli settlement.

In Beirut the situation was calm following a day of tension and clashes on 14 June during which five U.S. Embassy personnel were kidnapped at a roadblock, according to reports by the clandestine Radio Free lebanon. All but one of the five were later released, the radio added.

In another development, Minister of State for South Lebanon and Reconstruction Affairs Nabih Birri described calls for the return of armed Palestinians to Lebanon as not serving the Lebanese cause, according to Beirut radio. He asked the Palestinians not to involve Lebanon in a struggle that would help neither the Lebanese nor the Palestinian causes.

Israel

Regular and reserve units from the infantry, paratroops, artillery, Engineering Corps, and Air Force participated in a "large-scale" exercise in southern Israel which ended on 14 June, according to Jerusalem radio.

PLO Affairs

Participants in the third intra-Palestinian reconciliation session which ended in Aden on 14 June encountered "some obstacles" which compelled the delegations to consult with their organizations in order to put the "final touches" on the Aden meeting resolutions, according to remarks by PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir reported by WAKH. Al-Wazir added that the major issues discussed at the session included a date for the PNC, 'Arafat's visit to Cairo, and the events in northern Lebanon.

A spokesman for the session stated that the participants had agreed to resume the meetings in Aden within a week and observed that this will enable the delegations to hold consultations with their central committees and permit a final agreement to be reached, according to Aden radio. The spokesman said that "tangible progress" toward a comprehensive "political and organizational" agreement had been achieved.

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Subversive Activity Against India, DRA Similar

LD150627 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0529 GMT 15 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 14, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes:

India's security forces, after searching Amritsar's Golden Temple which has been turned by clandestine subversive groupings into their main stronghold, have obtained fresh evidence of foreign interventions in the activity of Punjabi terrorists. A huge number of weapons and munitions, manufactured in the United States and other Western countries, as well as Pakistan and China, have been found in the temple complex.

The Indian experts heve established that the weapons captured from the terrorists in Amritsar were chiefly the weapons of the same types as are supplied to the Afghan counterrevolutionary gangs based in Pakistan territory. The Afgahan counterrevolutionaries are known to be armed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

In the course of the operations carried out by the security forces of India, it became quite clear that the extremists were trained in methods of terrorist and subversive activities in the special camps in Pakistan's border areas and are trained by the instructors from the U.S. CIA.

The Indian military experts note that some types of weaponry used by Punjabi terrorists are regularly supplied along U.S. CIA channels to gangs of anti-Afghan counterrevolutionaries based in Pakistani territory. Now it has become evident that there are strong similarities as regards the intervention and subversive activities carried out by Pakistan and U.S. CIA against the internal affairs of India and the DRA.

India, which has the best friendly relations with the DRA, has become subject to the same types of subversive interventions of the espionage centres of imperialism and Pakistan. In the same manner that the espionage activity of the said countries was doomed to failure in Afghanistan, in the same manner their conspiracies were also doomed in India.

The destiny of those who act for the disruption of public tranquillity is nothing but ignominy, whether such agents and traitors carry out such subversive activities in Afghanistan, India, Nicaragua and other places.

The people of the DRA strongly confirm the timely and decisive measures taken by the Indian Government in eradicating the roots of corruption, horror and terrorism in Punjab and treat it a victory for the peaceful country of India.

Economic, Trade Agreement With USSR Viewed

GF081330 Rawalpindi PAKISTAN TIMES in English 26 May 84 p 8

[Text] The Soviet Union has made a trade and economic agreement with the Karmal regime, aiming to control and sap the agricultural and mineral resources of Afghanistan.

The details and conditions of the agreement are kept secret. The agreement was signed by Mr Sarwar Mangal, chairman of Afghan Economic Commission, and Mr Khostianov, the deputy chairman of the Soviet Commission for Afghanistan.

The AAP sources report from Kabul that the accord was named as trade and economic collaboration between Afghanistan and USSR. It is believed that the real motive of the agreement was to fully control the natural resources of Afghanistan. Already the Afghan economy is under the influence of Russia through a previous agreement. The Soviets are getting cotton, fruit, hides, wool and natural gas at the prices fixed by themselves. The Afghan side will be getting machinery, agricultural instruments, oil and aid for road construction at the prices which are also decided by the Soviets.

It is to be recalled the last agreement of 32 billion Afghanis for road construction and agricultural machinery was not implemented due to people's popular resistance, and the Soviets changed the "economic aid" into military equipment.

Government Official Describes Panjsher Reconstruction

LD122039 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1135 GMT 12 Jun 84

[Excerpts] As you know, the beautiful Panjsher, which for a short while became the nest of cultureless rebels who disrupted the peaceful lives of our toiling people there, has recently been cleansed through the heroism and bravery of the DRA Armed Forces and the country's security forces. Reconstruction work has vigorously begun. People of Panjsher are returning to their homes in groups, and government officials are trying enthusiastically to solve their problems.

Radio Afghanistan's reporter took the opportunity for a special interview on the Panjsher with esteemed Nia'matollah, head of the Central Zone, who has recently returned to Kabul after visiting Panjsher. We invite you to listen:

[Begin recording] [unidentified reporter] We would be glad if you would kindly give us information on Panjsher's reconstruction.

[Nia'matollah] [words indistinct] Everyone is quite aware that as a result of the heroic activities of the DRA Armed Forces in the Panjsher district and its surroundings, the criminal band of Ahmad Shah — the servant of reaction and imperialism — has been completely eliminated, destroyed and annihilated. The criminal band of Ahmad Shah destroyed the homes of Panjsher's toiling people, who in the years past have seen nothing but pain and trouble. Despite the efforts of the DRA and the noble people of Panjsher to create people's peace committees so the people could continue their life and work in peace and reconciliation without allowing Ahmad Shah's band to cause them sufferings, unfortunately the band recently forced the people of Panjsher — women, children, men, old, and young — to leave; they deceived them and left them wandering in various places.

The government, inevitably and at the request of the people, annihilated the band. Today, throughout the beautiful valleys of Panjsher, complete security is in force. The best reason for this,

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After several rounds of talks covering all aspects of the situation, agreement was reached on a number of issues and this can help the Lebanese Government overcome its present problems and move to a new situation, Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam declared in remarks reported by Voice of Lebanon radio after talks with President Amin al-Jumayyil and other Lebanese leaders in Bikfayya. The talks, held in a "positive" atmosphere, focused on ways to implement the government program, strengthen the Lebanese state, and achieve security, Khaddam disclosed. In a related report, AFP said Khaddam secured "tentative approval" from the Christian leaders for a draft plan to give Muslims a share of control over the Army through a collective command and the establishment of a supreme defense council. Minister of State for Southern Affairs and Reconstruction Nabih Birri, who did not attend the talks because of ill health, likewise agreed in principle to the proposals concerning the Army and conveyed the Amal Movement's support for any security plan aimed at consolidating the cease-fire, according to Beirut radio. In his discussions with Birri's representative Muhammad Baydun, Khaddam told the Amal official that the security situation in Beirut cannot continue as it is and that a solution must be found, the radio noted earlier. Reporting on Khaddam's talks in Bikfayya, Radio Monte Carlo said the Syrian vice president expressed concern about the security situation in Beirut, particularly the western sector. The radio also claimed that Khaddam's talks were an extension of secret summit talks between President al-Jumayyil and Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad held in Damascus on 29 May.

Meanwhile, sniper fire and intermittent clashes with heavy weapons continued across the combat lines in Beirut, according to Beirut radio. In the western sector, a joint committee comprising representatives of Amal, the Progressive Socialist Party, and Al-Murabitun adopted a number of measures to improve security, the radio noted. In fresh incidents in the south, the IDF killed three "terrorists" near Sidon while two IDF soldiers were subsequently injured in an ambush near An-Nabatiyah, according to announcements by the IDF spokesman reported by ITIM and Jerusalem radio.

A Damascus radio commentary on the situation warned that Israel will be the "winner" unless the warring factions stop the cycle of violence and allow the Lebanese state to reassume its role in the name and interest of all the Lebanese.

Gulf Conflict

Iraqi heavy artillery shelled "residential areas" of Abadan for 55 minutes on 17 June, according to Ahvaz radio, once again demonstrating Iraq's faiure to adhere to any agreement.

Meanwhile, an Iraqi commander claimed the Iraqi Armed Forces have regained and fortified "a part" of Majnun Island, INA reported. He stated that the part of the island occupied by Iran is "useless militarily" and is a "successful trap," having cost Iran 12,000 dead and 25,000 wounded. The Iraqi commander also asserted that Iran is massing "three-quarters" of its regular army and several Khomeyni guard units on the Iraq-Iran border. In this connection, Tehran and Ahvaz radios broadcast further reports of forces being dispatched to the front.

On the diplomatic front, Jordan's King Husayn will travel to Baghdad 19 June for "summit talks" with Iraq on the Iran-Iraq conflict and the situation in the Gulf, KUNA reported citing "reliable sources." Husayn will be accompanied by his prime minister and other senior officials, the report added.

In a separate development, the hijacked Iranian Fokker 27 flew to France after leaving Egypt, AFP reported. The plane made a stopover in Sicily, but resumed the journey to Paris after a request for asylum in Italy was turned down by the Italian Government, the agency added. According to a further AFP report, the hijackers surrendered to French police in Nice after authorities indicated that France did not wish to grant them political asylum. Reacting to the incident, Tehran radio reported that the plane had been hijacked by "agents of America and international Zionism" to divert Islamic public opinion from the need for unity and struggle to liberate Jerusalem.

Israel

Many of the defendants in the trial of the Jewish underground are "heroes of the people of Israel," a Gush Emunim official asserted at a press conference reported by *THE JERUSALEM POST*. Noting that the suspects include a number of people connected with Gush Emunim, the paper warned that such people are undermining the law and the cohesion of Israeli society.

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Government Thanks Kampuchea for Congratulations

BK140659 Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 1300 GMT 13 Jun 84

[Text] Comrade Heng Samrin, general secretary of the party Central Committee and chairman of the Council of State, and Comrade Chan Si, chairman of the Council of Ministers, recently received a message of thanks from Comrade Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Afghan People's Democratic Party Central Committee and president of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and Comrade Soltan Ali Keshtmand, chairman of the Council of Ministers. The message reads in part as follows:

On behalf of the party and state and in our own names, we are glad to express warmest thanks to you and to the KPRP [Kampuchean People's Revolutionary Party] Central Committee, the Council of State, the Council of Ministers, and the heroic people of Kampuchea for sending us warm and cordial congratulations on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of the April Revolution.

We are confident that the fraternal relationship and cooperation between our two peoples, parties, and countries will further develop and expand for the consolidation of the progressive forces. We fight all reactionary, imperialist, and hegemonist forces for the victory of the people under the glorious banner of internationalism. We would like to join you in rejoicing over and applauding the great successes of the Kampuchean people. We firmly believe that the Kampuchean people will achieve increasingly more and greater successes in national reconstruction and in the defense of the revolution. We wish you the best of health and the fraternal Kampuchean people happiness and prosperity.

On the same occasion, Comrade Foreign Minister Hun Sen also received a thank-you message from Comrade Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs of the DRA. The message stresses:

I am satisfied to note that the fraternal relationship and close cooperation between our two countries are developing and strengthening in the interests of our people and of peace and security in the world. I take this opportunity to wish you the best of health and the fraternal Kampuchean people progress and prosperity.

DRA Forces 'in Full Control' of Panjsher Valley

LD181735 Prague CTK in English 1641 GMT 18 Jun 84

[By Jan Stejskal]

[Text] Barak, Panjsher Valley, June 18 (CTK correspondent) — "The Afghan Army is in full control of Panjsher Valley and all twenty mountain passes around it," CTK correspondent in Kabul was told by the military commander in the region, Maj Gen Jalaluddin Omar.

"Our main task is to create conditions for the gradual return of the civilian population, and I can say that we are successful. After the end of the military operations, more than 3,000 have returned. Twenty families are back in Bazarak, the former headquarters of Ahmad Shah Masud, chief of the terrorist organization Jami'at-e Islami. Large supplies of material aid are coming to the valley from Kabul and other Afghan cities, and building and reconstruction of schools and health facilities has been started. Bodies of people's powers are being set up in Rokhah, the administrative centre of Panjsher District."

For long months, the destiny of the people in the valley was in the hands of the terrorists led by Masud, because Panjsher was the last large base of counterrevolutionaries on Afghan territory. Only concern for the security of the inhabitants prevented the Afghan authorities from launching military operations against the bandits, and impelled them to resort to negotiations.

Earlier this year, Masud's group responded to the restrained attitude of the Afghan authorities by terror and provocations which claimed hundreds of dead, and led to the destruction of homes, schools, bridges and mosques. The bandits also carried out armed attacks on the nearby road linking Kabul with northern provinces.

At the end of April, the Afghan Army Command decided to destroy the bands in the valley. During the lightning operation all Panjsher villages were liberated by the Army which did not encounter serious resistance. About a thousand bandits were killed. The rest attempted to escape to the mountains. More than a thousand surrendered in nearby passes. In about four weeks, the offensive ended with the complete liquidation of the bandits.

Panjsher Valley has begun a new life, without terror and free of fear. Peasants have reappeared on the steeply sloping fields, to resume their centuries' old struggle against inhospitable nature.

Security Forces Intensify Operations Against Rebels

LD180538 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1539 GMT 17 Jun 84

[Text] The brave security forces have intensified more than ever before their deadly blows upon the trenches of the counterrevolutionary elements in accordance with the instructions of the PDPA Central Committee's 13th Plenum and the new phase of improving performance. The villages and localities of the country are being cleaned of the rebels' foul existence.

Citing a source in the Parvan security forces, a BAKHTAR correspondent reports that as a result of successful operations carried out recently in that province by the brave security forces, a number of armed rebels were crushed and 10 of these murderers were captured. The security forces seized [word indistinct] DShK's with 3,000 rounds, 26 assorted weapons and 18,500 rounds of ammunition, and destroyed rocket launchers, DShK's, and three hideouts.

According to another report, as a result of operations carried out in Lowgar Province by the security forces, a number of [words indistinct], and two of them together with (?one) rocket launcher and one firearm were captured.

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Lebanon

Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam's recent talks with Lebanese leaders resulted in a "political and security deal" whereby a new Army commander will replace General Ibrahim Tannus and a military committee will draft amendments to previous legislation in order to revive the Military Council, according to political sources in Beirut cited by KUNA. General Michel 'Awn, commander of the Army's 8th Brigade, is expected to replace Tannus, the sources disclosed. The government is also likely to appoint a Shi'ite deputy chief of staff, Voice of Lebanon radio noted. Meanwhile, Saudi mediator Rafiq al-Hariri conveyed "encouraging" impressions from Damascus to Beirut, the radio said, and political sources disclosed that the Syrians have called for opening a "new page" with the Lebanese Front and have invited its representatives to visit Damascus. As for the plans to restore security and state authority in Beirut, the minister of state for southern affairs and reconstruction, Nabih Birri, pledged that "all aspects of armed presence" will be withdrawn from West Beirut and the southern suburb in order to allow the Army to enter these areas if "the same thing takes place in the same spirit in the eastern areas," Beirut radio reported.

In the south, over 60 leaders and notables from various areas will meet in Sidon on 20 June to convene a "Free Parliament of the Christians in Southern Lebanon," according to IDF and Jerusalem radio reports. The new body is critical of the government in Beirut and will seek to strengthen financial support for the Southern Lebanese Army and promote ties with both Israel and southern Lebanese Shi'ites.

In further Syrian comment on the situation in Lebanon, a *TISHRIN* editorial cited by SANA claimed that Israel is deliberately seeking to create military tension in order to undermine Syria's efforts to achieve a "final and comprehensive solution to the Lebanese crisis." *TISHRIN* also warned that Syria can resort to force if necessary to settle Lebanon's problems, though it prefers that the Lebanese cooperate to achieve their national aspirations, according to Radio Monte Carlo.

Syria

At the conclusion of his recent visit to Syria, CSSR Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal expressed satisfaction with the positive results of his talks with President Hafiz al-Asad and Prime Minister 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm and the two sides signed an economic cooperation agreement, Damascus radio reported. A joint statement on Strougal's talks with Al-Kasm, reported by the radio, said that the Syrian and Czechoslovak premiers voiced concern over the serious developments in the Iran-Iraq war aimed at widening the conflict and that they also expressed support for the national unity government in Lebanon. Prague radio's report on the joint communique focused more on the economic aspects of the talks and did not mention the Iran-Iraq war. On the PLO, both radios said the joint statement expressed support for strengthening the PLO's unity, with the Syrian account adding that such unity should be based on progressive and anti-imperialist foundations which conform with PNC decisions.

Gulf Conflict

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir as-Sabah urged the U.S. Congress to approve the sale of Stinger missiles to Kuwait, insisting that his country seeks the missiles for self-defense and not for use against Israel, according to a report on the foreign minister's 18 June press conference published by the Kuwaiti newspaper *AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM*. Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad also asserted that Syrian President al-Asad's "Arabism" will make him change his policy toward the Iran-Iraq war.

In Iran, "thousands of combatants" left military bases in several towns and cities to join the forces at the battlefront, IRNA announced. Other Iranian domestic radios also broadcast reports of combatants departing for the front.

In Iraq, President Saddam Husayn stated that his country has "hardware" that can flood "all Iranian rivers and coasts" and possesses weapons with which to fight until "inevitable victory," INA reported.

Responding to Jordanian King Husayn's declared willingness to provide military support for Iraq and other Gulf countries, an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by Tehran radio described King Husayn's remarks as "nothing new," adding that Iran's "Muslim fighters" will continue their "holy jihad" against the "roots of tension" in the region, paying no attention to such remarks.

Meanwhile, King Husayn paid a short visit to Iraq on 19 June accompanied by Prime Minister Ahmad 'Ubaydat and other officials, INA reported. According to Amman radio, the Jordanian and Iraqi leaders held talks on the current Arab situation, military developments in the Iran-Iraq war, and the war's impact at the Arab and international levels.

Afghanistan

Ten thousand Soviet troops are involved in the current offensive against Herat Province, according to diplomatic sources cited by AFP. "Sources close to the resistance" stated that the rebel leader for the Herat region, Esma'el Khan, has retreated inside Iranian territory with his men, the agency reported. Kabul Radio on 16 June had claimed that a Herat Province rebel "ringleader" called Esma'el and 21 of his followers were "wounded" by security forces.

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10,000 Soviets Said Involved in Herat Offensive

BK191352 Hong Kong AFP in English 1336 GMT 19 Jun 84

[Text] Islamabad, June 19 (AFP) — Ten thousand Soviets are involved in the current offensive against the western Afghan province of Herat, Western diplomatic sources said here today. This would be almost one-third of the Soviet combat force in Afghanistan. Western military experts estimate that only one-third of the some 110,000 Soviets in the country belong to combat units.

The Western sources said the current offensive, one of the biggest since Soviet troops first invaded the country in December 1979, began June 4 when troops entirely surrounded the city of Herat, located less than 100 kms (60 miles) from the Iranian border. Some 300 tanks and amoured vehicles were stationed at gates to the city while Soviet soldiers, acting on information from Afghan intelligence services, searched rebels' homes within Herat, the sources said.

At the same time Soviet planes bombed most villages south and west of the city, the diplomats said. They gave no casualty figures, but resistance sources earlier spoke of 1,000 civilians dead. Sources close to the resistance, contradicting earlier reports of a rebel counterattack, said Esma'el Khan, rebel leader for the Herat region, had retreated to within Iranian territory with his men.

Diplomats here said the Soviet drive against Herat was aimed at destroying rebel efforts to build up bases in a region which easily lends itself to guerrilla warfare.

The Herat offensive, coming just weeks after a drive to clear the strategic Panjsher valley of guerrillas, marks an escalation of Soviet military activitiy in the face of a better organized resistance, observers said.

Meanwhile, large numbers of convoys loaded with arms for the resistance cross the border from Pakistan each day, prompting one French volunteer doctor to say: "It looks like the entire population is at war." The doctor, returning from Logar Province, told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE here he had seen hundreds of horses, mules and dromedaries carrying arms and ammunition along the roads from Pakistan.

There were contradictory reports on the situation in the Panjsher valley, north of Kabul. Diplomats here described guerrillas in the valley as demoralized. Many were said to have abandoned their arms, disappearing into the local population.

Diplomats said 10 resistance leaders in the Panjsher valley died in a fight which broke out over whether to launch a counteroffensive. But sources in the Pakistani border town of Peshawar said guerillas had mounted several raids against Soviet positions in the valley and hoped to drive Soviet troops out within the next six months.

There was also speculation here that Afghan authorities may have temporarily closed the Bagram airbase north of Kabul to repair runways damaged in guerrilla attacks last month and earlier this month. Diplomats said there had been an unusual increase in military air traffic in the three airports closest to Bagram.

In Kabul, diplomats said a Soviet professor was killed and his wife seriously injured June 9, presumably by an Afghan guard responsible for their protection.

Over 100 Soviet Troops Killed

GF191013 (Clandestine) Voice of the Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan in Dari 1730 GMT 19 Jun 84

[Summary] The Soviet occupationist enemy and the deceived elements of the Karmal regime attacked Herat City and the surrounding villages with tanks and transport vehicles and were fired on by our noble brother mujahidin.

In the heavy clashes which ensued between the aggressive forces and those of Islam, at least 25 armored tanks and other transport vehicles of the enemy were destroyed by our brothers. In these operations, more than 100 soldiers and officers of the Soviet occupationist force were killed. The brutal bombing of Herat and its environs by the Soviets and Karmalites has resulted in thousands martyred and wounded. One of our brothers who witnessed the aerial bombing said thousands of defenseless women and children were made homeless and moved toward our neighboring country of Iran. A mujahid said even the caravans of the refugees and wounded are not safe from the enemy's brutal aerial bombing. This mujahid said the number of the wounded was great, and they are deprived of proper medical care.

According to mujahidin sources, in only the district of Shekiban in the district of (Zendijan) in Herat, 700 persons from among our Muslim and defenseless compatriots were martyred by the enemy's bombing. The same sources say this number comprises women and children. One of our brothers injured in the Herat battle told our correspondent that despite the bombing, the morale of our brothers is high because each one considers martyrdom the quintessence of one's existence.

Spring Panjsher Offensive 'Totally Unsuccessful'

BK191635 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 19 Jun 84

[Text] According to reports, the action started by Soviet-Karmal forces in the Panjsher valley of Afghanistan during the spring has been totally unsuccessful and the desired objective was not achieved. A report by news agencies citing diplomatic sources said that 20,000 Soviet soldiers were used in this action. However, the Soviet forces had to suffer a heavy loss in men and materiel. They failed to capture [word indistinct] valley and to end the resistance of the Afghan mujahidin.

These sources said the Afghan mujahidin, in view of the Soviet action, retreated inside and around the valley under the leadership of their commander Ahmad Shah Masud. As soon as the Soviet-Karmal forces moved 30 miles forward inside the narrow valley, the mujahidin ambushed them from three sides. According to these sources, despite indiscriminate bombardment by

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Pakistan Charge of Aircraft Border Violation Refuted

LD201645 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 20 Jun 84

[Text] The charge d'affaires of the Pakistan Embassy was summoned to the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1200 today in connection with a recent claim by the Government of Pakistan concerning the violation of that country's territory by Afghan aircraft. The Foreign Ministry Political Section No 1 detailed its rejection of this claim as follows:

After studying and assessing the Pakistani authorities' claim that Afghan aircraft encroached on the territory of that country on 17 June, the relevant Afghan authorities state that on the above date the sovereignty of Pakistan was not violated in any way whatsoever, and that the Pakistani authorities' claim in this regard is, as in the past, groundless and thus rejected.

It must be stated that experience has shown that whenever the date for the opening of negotiations between the two countries through the UN representative or the date of the UN General Assembly session draw closer, the Pakistani authorities set out such fabrications and baseless claims in order to confuse the public in Pakistan and the world as well as for propaganda benefit.

The DRA is a peace-loving country — despite which it has been subject to savage aggression from the territory of Pakistan — and has never violated the sovereignty of any country.

The DRA Government, completely rejects and comdemns these false and provocative claims by the authorities of Pakistan, which are in complete contravention of the DRA's peaceful policy, and points out that engaging in such slanders will result in nothing but the creation of further obstacles to the conduct of talks between the two countries.

Karmal Receives Paktia Province Representatives

LD210854 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0436 GMT 21 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 20, BAKHTAR — Now the power in Afghanistan belongs to the people and they determine their own destiny, declared Babrak Karmal when he received the representatives of several tribe and nationalities of Khowst Grand County of Paktia Province.

The general secretary of the PDPA CC and the president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA added that the enemies of Afghanistan at the behest of imperialism and reaction have raised hues and cries that Islam is in danger in Afghanistan at the same time they have assassinated over 200 patriotic religious scholars and have arsoned mosques, schools, and other public installations.

Speaking about the Afghan-Soviet relations the president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA recalled that the Soviet Union came to Afghanistan to help it at a sensitive time when the very existence of the country and its people was in danger due to the conspiracies of imperialism and reaction.

Babrak Karmal emphasized that whenever total security is maintained in the country and foreign interventions are ceased with international guarantee, the limited military contingents of the Soviet Union will return to their country.

Babrak Karmal said: "We want a lasting peace not only in Afghanistan but also in our region and in the first place in our neighbouring countries. To achieve this end and live in peace and friendship with our neighbours, the state of DRA has repeatedly expressed its readiness for the settlement of disputes around a negotiating table."

Among other representatives of Khowst Grand County, Malek Khan and Malek Ali Jan thanked Babrak Karmal for receiving them and assured him that the people of the province would firmly and decisively struggle for the safeguarding of the gains of April Revolution and total annihilation of the saboteurs in the country.

Rebels Crushed in Parvan, Faryab, Farah Provinces

LD201724 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 20 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, 20 Jun (BAKHTAR) — Every day the enemies of our people's tranquillity and security are crushed and the country's security forces carry out operations throughout the country to implement the new stage of work performance.

Quoting a source from the country's security forces, a BAKHTAR agency reporter says that as a result of successful operations by the security forces in the villages of Parvan Province a number of counterrevolutionary elements have been crushed and a number have been captured, along with a quantity of weapons, 1,600 mortar shells, and antistate documents proving the link between these lunatics and the agent counterrevolutionary bands outside the country.

Also during operations by the country's security forces in Faryab Province, a number of rebels were crushed and a quantity of weapons were seized.

According to another report, as a result of a successful operation by the security forces in Farah Province, a number of counterrevolutionaries were crushed and 5 assorted weapons, 4,000 rounds of ammunition, 20 hand grenades, and 2 radio communications sets were seized from them.

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Prime Minister Rashid Karami, in remarks to the press following the 21 June Cabinet session, said that agreement has been reached on "certain important measures" necessary for launching the "salvation process," Beirut radio reported. Asked about the status of the defense law, Karami indicated that discussion is proceeding normally and expressed hope that "complete agreement on all these matters" will be announced following the 23 June session. In a statement on the session reported by Beirut radio, Minister of State for the South and Reconstruction Affairs Nabih Birri said: "For the first time we feel that the countdown has begun with regard to the Lebanese crisis..."

Gulf Conflict

While Iraq has strictly abided by the agreement to halt attacks on civilian targets, Iran has violated the moratorium three times and is using it as a "strategic deception," establishing troop concentrations in Abadan and Khorramshahr, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz charged in a message to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio. Iran's refusal to accept a UN observer team is indicative of its intention to use towns near the border as assembly points for its troops and as "springboards" for its offensive against Iraq, he asserted. The Iraqi minister demanded immediate investigation of the situation.

In a related report, Iran's War Information Headquarters characterized allegations that Iran had shelled Basra on 21 June as "totally false" and a pretext for future attacks on Iranian "residential areas," according to IRNA.

In a subsequent development, a statement by an Iraqi military spokesman broadcast by Voice of the Masses accused Iran of further attacks on civilian targets, alleging that four artillery rounds were fired at civilian areas of Basra Governorate on 21 and 22 June. The statement affirmed that the Iranian regime will be held responsible for its actions.

Libya

Libya will allow British lawyers to act as observers when Libyan authorities question staff members of the former People's Bureau in London about the April killing of a British police woman, Foreign Liaison Secretary 'Ali 'Abd as-Salam told newsmen in Athens, according to AFP. At-Turayki also maintained that Libya does not "export terrorism" and is ready for dialogue with the United States.

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An Iranian oil-loading jetty at Khark Island sustained "massive" damage as a result of the Iraqi missile attack on a Greek tanker on 24 June and the Iranian authorities have closed the jetty in an attempt to repair the damage, INA reported citing "informed sources" in the British tanker market. The agency, in the same report, later added that the jetty was "destroyed." Sources close to OPEC likewise disclosed that the Iranian Oil Ministry has sent a team to repair the northwestern jetty, which was seriously damaged by fire, according to the agency.

Meanwhile, the Baghdad newspaper *AL-JUMHURIYAH* reiterated Iraq's warnings that it will retaliate against Iranian violations of the moratorium on attacks against civilian targets, INA reported. The paper charged that Iran's approval of the UN secretary general's proposal was merely a "maneuver" to cover its hostile intentions. A War Information Headquarters spokesman cited by IRNA categorically denied that Iran has bombarded civilian areas in Basra Governorate.

In another development, an Iranian spokesman rejected the State Department's denial that the United States had supplied Iraq with mustard gas earlier this year, asserting in a statement reported by IRNA that Iran's charges against Washington are "serious and well-documented" and that detailed evidence will be publicized "in due course."

Iran

Iran will send a total of 150,000 hajj pilgrims to Jidda this year as compared with 100,000 in 1983, IRNA announced citing the head of the Iranian state airline.

Kuwait

The Kuwaiti defense minister will visit the Soviet Union on 9 July, KUNA announced. In a statement reported by the agency, the defense minister said the purpose of his visit is to consolidate relations with the USSR.

PLO Affairs

The Fatah Command is urgently seeking to resolve its differences with Syria, PLO Political Department head Faruq Qaddumi stated in an interview published by the London magazine *AL-MAJALLAH*. The Fatah Command and countries such as Algeria, the PDRY, Cuba, and the Soviet Union have made great efforts to this end, he added. While Qaddumi called for "mutual concessions" to resolve Palestinian disputes, he stated that PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's leadership of the PLO "is not a matter for bargaining."

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An SDAR Information Ministry statement reported by APS claimed that Polisario forces killed 40 Moroccan soldiers in a 23 June attack on Moroccan positions in the Western Sahara.

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General Congratulates Troops for Victorious Operations

LD251816 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 25 Jun 84

[Excerpts] Warm greetings and best wishes from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, were conveyed by Brigadier General Mohammad Yasin Sadeqi, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and head of the Army Political Affairs Department, to officers and troops of the 2d Border Regiment and the 23d Regiment, 25th Division who took part in the victorious operations of Towr Ghar mountain and who are stationed there.

The BAKHTAR information agency, quoting a correspondent of the *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E SOWR*, reports that the Army political affairs head, accompanied by the deputy chief of the General Staff, while visiting the units of the Armed Forces stationed in the mountains of Towr Ghar, attended a gathering of officers and troops and congratulated the decisive victory of the fighters of the Armed Forces who have shown considerable bravery and heroism.

Addressing officers and troops, he said: The party and the people are proud of your bravery and epoch-making power. You replied to the call of the party and revolution and heroically attacked the stronghold of the enemy, where, in the rocks, they were building shelters and were threatening the lives and security of people. Your victory has been well reflected in the fervor and enthusiasim of the people of Khowst, who together with party and state authorities congratulate the Armed Forces on its victory. At the end of the gathering, Mohammad Yasin Sadeqi presented gifts to a number of troops.

Kabul Portrays Successes in Battles Against Rebels

LD251656 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 25 Jun 84

[Text] As a result of a successful operation by the country's vigilant security forces in the Khvajeh Ghar district, Takhar Province, recently a number of counterrevolutionary elements belonging to the Jami'at band, along with their ringleader named Mola Nader, were crushed. The weapons, equipment, foodstuffs, and medical supplies stores of this murderous and subversive band were seized by the security forces.

A spokesman for the security forces of Takhar Province said that during the operation 3 DShK's, 5 U.S.-made mortars, 24 rocket shells, 84 assorted weapons, 3 communication units made in the United States, [words indistinct], about 50 sers [1 ser — 7 kgs] gunpowder, 1,550 sers cooking oil, 2,000 tons rice, 2,500 sers flour, 135 cans kerosene, and a quantity of clothing belonging to these criminals were seized.

According to a responsible source of the country's security forces, recently during a successful operation by the security forces in the Torkha village of Parvan Province, 45 counterrevolutionary elements were crushed; a quantity of weapons and ammunition was seized; 2 DShK's and 2 hideouts of the enemy were destroyed.

Also as a result of the operations by the security forces in the Kariz area, Helmand Province, four counterrevolutionary elements were crushed; one of them was captured and four assorted weapons were seized by the security forces.

According to another report, as a result of a successful operation mounted by the security forces of the country in the Ghowr District, Herat Province, 3 traitors to the homeland and revolution were crushed; a quantity of assorted weapons were seized, 11 counterrevolutionary elements were captured, and 15 assorted enemy weapons were destroyed.

According to another report a number of counterrevolutionary elements who were engaged in robbing passengers of their goods and cash along the Khenjan-Dowshi area, Baghlan Province, were recently crushed by the troops of mountain battalion of that province. A number of these thieves and robbers along with two rocket launchers, five assorted weapons, and a quantity of ammunition were captured.

'Deceived Elements' Surrender, Join Government Forces

LD252124 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1600 GMT 25 Jun 84

[Text] Realizing the truth of the April Revolution and utilizing the amnesty decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium and the message of the nationwide meeting of social personalities of the country's tribes and nationalities, our compatriots are consistently breaking their ties with rebels forever.

According to a source of the country's security forces, a 40-man armed group led by Sayd [name indistinct], Ahmadi, Khalili and [name indistinct] belonging to the so-called band of Etefaq-e Eslami, recently joined the revolutionary state in the Shahidan area, Bamian Province. They brought with them a medium-range mortar, 22 rocket launchers, 2 heavy machine guns, 32 assorted weapons, and 4,000 rounds of ammunition. The group promised to engage in crushing the counterrevolutionary elements to the end of their lives.

According to another report, 40 deceived elements led by [name indistinct], utilizing the Revolutionary Council Presidium's general amnesty decree came over to the revolutionary state in Bamian Province bringing with them 1 mortar, 5 rocket launchers, 5 other assorted weapons.

In addition, several deceived armed elements, taking advantage of the Presidium's amnesty decree, surrendered to the country's security forces in Samangan and Nangarhar Provinces.

Similarly, a 40-man group in the Sangcharak District, Jowzjan Province, who had been deceived by hostile propaganda of the enemies of the homeland and people, and who now realize the truth of the April Revolution, recently took advantage of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium's general amnesty decree and joined the state.

A spokesman for the security force of that district said these deceived compatriots repented their past actions and voluntarily joined the tribal brigade of Suzma Qala village in the district.

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Gulf Conflict

Moratorium, Military Situation — A three-member UN team arrived in Iran to monitor the moratorium on attacks against civilian areas, IRNA reported. An Iranian Foreign Ministry official cited by Tehran radio stated that the delegation's arrival is not linked with the wider issues of the war: Its acceptance is only a positive response to the UN secretary general's appeal.

Meanwhile, Iraq shelled Abadan, Khorramshahr, and Sar Dasht, IRNA reported. A reliable source cited by Tehran radio warned that if Iraq continues such attacks Iran will attack Basra, since it is an important center for Iraqi forces. The Iranian threat followed information from UN Secretariat sources cited by KUNA that Iraq had warned that it would exclude Abadan and Khorramshahr from the moratorium because of the presence of large Iranian military contingents there. The sources quoted a letter from Iraq to UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar as stating that "we will hit these towns if necessary."

Iran has been informed through a third party that Iraq has chosen 80 military and economic positions in Iran that will be destroyed during any Iranian offensive or limited attack, according to prominent Arab sources at the United Nations cited by the Kuwaiti paper *AL-WATAN*. The sources added that Iraq possesses a new kind of air-to-ground missile, one of which caused over 600 casualties in Baneh early this month.

Husayn-Fahd Meeting — Jordan's King Husayn met with Saudi King Fahd while on pilgrimage to Mecca, Amman radio announced. During the meeting, Husayn stressed that Jordan stands by Saudi Arabia and all the Gulf states in the defense of their territory, waters, and sovereignty.

Syria-Israel POW Exchange

A POW exchange between Syria and Israel will take place in Al-Qunaytirah 28 June, SANA reported. The exchange, arranged after several months of negotiations through the International Red Cross, will include the return of "all Syrian POW's and the bodies of some martyrs," the agency said. The negotiations also resulted in the release of 21 other Syrian nationals, including 13 from the Golan Heights, who will return to their homes in the "occupied territory."

Iran

Hijacking — An Iranian Boeing 727 was hijacked en route from Tehran to Bushehr by two men and forced to refuel at Doha, where the passengers were released, IRNA reported. The plane then departed Doha and landed at Cairo. Egyptian authorities refused to grant the hijackers political asylum, according to MENA.

Gromyko Message — The USSR ambassador in Tehran delivered a message from Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko to Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati, Tehran radio reported.

Lebanon

Southern Developments — The IDF has closed Sidon port for several days for security reasons, but the port of Tyre is operating normally contrary to reports from Beirut, IDF Radio announced on 27 June. Earlier, Beirut radio reported that the Israelis had closed both ports.

Security/Political Situation — Army Commander General Michel 'Awn chaired a Military Council meeting which focused on preparations for implementing the security plan, new appointments, and the rehabilitation of the Army, Beirut radio reported. Security sources cited by Voice of Lebanon radio noted that the security plan is aimed at the withdrawal of heavy weapons from the capital, the deployment of three Army brigades in Greater Beirut, and the reopening of crossing points, the airport, and the port. The meeting was "clearly positive" with all members expressing their desire for an end to the crisis, the radio's sources disclosed.

In other developments, Damascus radio reported that former President Sulayman Franjiyah discussed the situation during talks with President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus. The Progressive Socialist Party's clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio cited reports of an "unusual state" in the Phalange Party because of fears that Pierre al-Jumayyil, the party's founder and leader, is seriously ill.

PLO Affairs

No agreement has been reached at the Aden Intra-Palestinian dialogue session as a result of opposition to the announcement of a date for the PNC session by "parties wagering on Syrian support," Baghdad Voice of PLO radio announced. While confirming that Fatah and the Democratic Alliance had failed to set a date for the PNC session, a "responsible" Palestinian source said the participants in the Aden negotiations will hold an "urgent" meeting at an undisclosed location before 5 July in order to arrive at an agreement.

Meanwhile, the Democratic and National Alliances resumed talks in Damascus, according to Damascus radio. The talks were attended by PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum, PLO Executive Committee members, and representatives of the Palestinian factions.

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Masud Back in Panjsher Valley, Directing Operations

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[Text] The Panjsher valley in Afghanistan continues to be the focus of the current attempt by the Soviet Union and its Afghan Government allies to establish lasting control in rebel-held areas of the country. Soviet troops and aircraft launched an offensive several weeks ago, and now there are reports that the Afghan Government is trying to consolidate its gains by establishing a civil administration in parts of the Panjsher valley. However, Western diplomats in Delhi say reports are reaching them of renewed fighting in a number of places. Ian Hall reports from Delhi:

[Begin recording] Some Western diplomats say they have received some reports that the Panjsheri resistance leader, Commander Masud, returned to the valley about 2 weeks ago and began directing operations again. He had left shortly before the offensive was launched. According to the diplomats, Masud's return apparently coincided with an increase in guerrilla attacks in the upper Panjsher. In one incident a week ago, guerrillas are said to have attacked a force of more than 200 Russians and forced them to pull back. The Soviet response to the attacks was to carry out aerial bombing in several areas. However, the lower valley, which contains the main settlement, is still reported quiet. The diplomats say the government has sent substantial numbers of civil servants and about 200 teachers into the area this month. Work is going ahead in the construction of schools and health facilities, as well as garrisons. The diplomats say this activity goes much further than previous Soviet attempts to control the Panjsher. They say the Russian forces are deployed in such a way that even slow resistance operations have become more difficult in the lower Panjsher, and their latest information is that the Russians intend to leave more than 5,000 of their troops in the valley.

The Western diplomats also reported that in Kabul, the recent upsurge in assassinations of Afghan Communist Party members and military officers has continued. They say there were at least seven of these killings last week. The diplomats say there is growing evidence that many of the killings are not the result of resistance activity, but the outcome of increased feuding between the Khalq and Parcham factions of the ruling party. [end recording]

Kabul: Normal Life Returns to Panjsher Valley

LD262022 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 26 Jun 84

[Excerpts] Normal life has returned to the beautiful Panjsher valley after the resolute and revolutionary crushing of the rebels. A Radio Afghanistan reporter who returned from Panjsher this evening says school gates have been reopened in this district and the students have resumed their lessons. Essential goods, education and training equipment, and other materials needed by the noble people of Panjsher have arrived there sent by the revolutionary government.

The Radio Afghanistan reporter adds that administration order and revolutionary sovereignty is fully enforced in Panjsher District and the inhabitants of this region are cooperating with joy and pleasure and gratitude to their revolutionary government in the reconstruction of government and public welfare installations.

The Radio Afghanistan reporter has visited the schools and spoken with some of the people of Panjsher.

A (?meeting) chaired by the head of the Parvan Province central zone and attended by the secretary of the provincial party committee, the governor, and the heads of interested departments, was held at the Panjsher district headquarters. At this (?meeting) the head of the central zone spoke about the goodwill of the party and the revolutionary government for further improving the life of the toiling people of Panjsher district. He asked officials of the party and government organs for untiring efforts to speed up the economic, agricultural, and social affairs of the people in this district.

The meeting also discussed other relevant subjects, in particular public health, progress of agriculture and land reform, communications, etc., and the necessary decisions in these respects were taken.

Hundreds of the toiling families of Panjsher District are enegaged in their daily life in a totally secure and confident atmosphere in this district. Party and government workers and revolutionary guards are working together with Panjsher's peasants to harvest the wheat.

Karmal Congratulates Paktia Province Brigade

LD270605 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 27 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 26, BAKHTAR — Warm greetings and best wishes of Babrak Karmal were delivered to the soldiers and officers of the 2d Brigade of the 25th Division of the Paktia Province, who defeated counterrevolutionary bands in Khowst District, bordering Pakistan.

Addressing the officers and soldiers in a meeting held in Khowst Division, Sadiqi, secretary of the PDPA CC and general president [as received] of the political affairs of the Army said: "The party and the people of Afghanistan are proud of your epoch-making military heroism. You have responded to the call of the party and revolution and rescued the working people of Khowst from the miscreants," he added.

At the end of the meeting a number of soldiers and officers delivered their speeches and they assured the party and the government that they would not hesitate any moment in defending the gains of the revolution and that they are always ready to sacrifice themselves for their nation and people.

Soviets Form Task Force Employing Guerrilla Tactics

GF241130 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 22 Jun 84 p 12

[Text] According to diplomatic sources, the Soviet Union has set up a task force to fight the mujahidin using the same guerrilla

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Lebanon

Israeli Airstrike — Israeli warplanes attacked a PLO "terrorist" base on an island northwest of Tripoli on 27 June, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by IDF Radio. The island was used as a training camp and operational base by supporters of PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, the spokesman stated. A military source cited by *THE JERUSALEM POST* said the raid was in line with Israel's determination to preempt terrorist attacks by hitting terrorists wherever they organize. The Voice of Lebanon and other Lebanese radios said the positions hit in the raids belonged to the Islamic Unification Movement. Israeli warships participated in the attack and again fired at the island on 28 June, according to Beirut radio. Sources in Tripoli cited by the radio said 21 people were killed and 20 others were wounded. The air raid near Tripoli came after President Amin al-Jumayyil had paid a surprise visit to the city, the radio noted.

Political/Security Situation — Commenting on the implications of Phalange Party leader Pierre al-Jumayyil's illness, political observers in Beirut warned that the latest Syrian-sponsored compromise between the Christians and Muslims could "go up in smoke" if the Phalangist leader dies or is permanently disabled, AFP reported. However, Phalange Party sources cited by the Voice of Lebanon said Al-Jumayyil is in "good health" despite having to undergo some medical tests. The radio subsequently broadcast a statement by Al-Jumayyil praising his son's visit to Tripoli as a useful step toward rapprochement among the Lebanese communities.

Meanwhile, as the Military Council resumed its study of the security plan for Beirut, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon accused militia factions in West Beirut of refusing to allow the Lebanese Army to assume responsibility for security in West Beirut and the southern suburb. Limited clashes continued across the contact lines in the capital, Beirut radio noted.

In the south, an IDF soldier was killed when an Israeli patrol was ambushed east of Tyre, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by IDF Radio. The Voice of Arab Lebanon claimed that three Israeli vehicles were destroyed in the attack and that at least 10 Israelis were killed. In other developments, Beirut radio reported that the Israelis maintained their closure of Sidon and Tyre ports while IDF Radio announced that the Israeli authorities released 40 detainees from Ansar camp on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr.

Gulf Conflict

Iraqi aircraft attacked two "very large maritime targets" south of Khark Island, scoring direct and effective hits, according to a military spokesman's statement broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio. A Kuwaiti maritime source cited by AFP confirmed that a Swiss-chartered tanker and a Philippines vessel were hit in the Gulf. Reacting to the attacks, Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi stated that those who attack ships or support such actions should not consider themselves immune from reciprocal reaction, Tehran radio reported.

Iran

Prime Minister Musavi reacted to the latest hijacking of an Iranian airliner, stating on Tehran radio that there was evidence of extensive cooperation between the United States and "reactionary countries." He warned that if airlines are threatened and made insecure, other countries should not assume that the same will not happen to their airlines. In further developments, the hijackers left Cairo and arrived in Baghdad, INA reported, while the airliner returned to Iran, according to Tehran radio. The actions of the Egyptian regime in cooperating with the hijackers "proved its collaboration" with Zionist elements, Tehran radio stated.

PLO Affairs

A press statement issued by the PLO factions that participated in the Aden dialogue session announced that the participants were "completely successful" in reaching an agreement. According to the statement, broadcast by Aden radio, the participants drew up a "political document" defining the PLO's course and strategy and called for "comprehensive national dialogue" within the framework of a PNC meeting. They also agreed on "definite policies" to guarantee the convening of the next PNC session and on the necessary preparations for it. The statement did not, however, indicate that a date had been set for this meeting.

Western Sahara

Algerian officials arranged a meeting between Moroccan officials and Polisario leaders following the Algerian-Moroccan summit held in February, KUNA reported, citing remarks by Moroccan opposition leader Abdelrahim Bouabid.

In a separate development, a Polisario representative accused Morocco of choosing military escalation rather than negotiation and asserted that the front will step up its military and diplomatic struggle, according to AFP. Referring to recent attacks on Moroccan forces, the representative stated, "the war has only begun."

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Karmal Speaks at Defense, Justice Seminar

LD280648 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0427 GMT 28 Jun 84

[Text] Kabul, June 27, (BAKHTAR) — "Our duty is to ensure peace in Afghanistan and in the whole world," stated Babrak Karmal. The general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA delivered a speech at the seminar on defence and justice of the provincial party committees.

Babrak Karmal went on to say that the danger of war threatens all humanity and human civilisation more than any time before, and the hotbeds of tension are expanding throughout the world.

International imperialism headed by the USA in collusion with all reactionary forces of the world and hegemonism are the main instigators of the escalation of war menace and creation of tension in the international relations.

The US imperialism due to its aggressive and militaristic policy tries hard to misuse the hot events of the world as a pretext against peace and security of the peoples.

The US imperialism in collusion with hegemonist China obviously and openly continues the undeclared war against Afghanistan through reactionary forces of the region, particularly, the military regime of Islamabad.

The United States by using Pakistan as a springboard of aggression against the DRA, and through material and financial assistance and delivery of assorted weapons to the Afghan counter-revolutionaries and through political, military provocations and ideological-psychological war against the Revolutionary Afghanistan, wants to instigate Afghans to fight against Afghans. In fact, the anti-Afghan efforts are a part of the "crusade" of imperialism against the forces of peace and socialism, against all national and social liberation movements in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

All these facts, Babrak Karmal said, bring us to a conclusion that the revolutionaries of the country, all people of Afghanistan, should decisively defend the freedom, independence and national sovereignty and territorial integrity of homeland, the gains of the revolution of the working people of Afghanistan.

"The cause of defence of the revolution and the homeland is the most sacred, most urgent and most honorable task of the party," Babrak Karmal emphasised.

"Similarly, it should be clear that we, as the patriotic forces and staunch defenders of the national interests, have not only to ensure peace and security inside the country, but we should fulfill our duties towards the consolidation of peace and international security," Babrak Karmal said. [sentence as received]

"Our attitude is clear, he went on to say we are in the ranks of our friends, in the ranks of revolutionary and workers' movements the national and social liberation movements, in the ranks of all vanguard revolutionary, democratic and peace-loving forces of the world, socialist countries, especially, the Soviet Union, this sole great economic and military force and the guarantor of peace and security of the peoples of the world." [sentence and punctuation as received]

"This course is the indicative of our principled internationalist attitude, and we along with all peoples of the world have the responsibility to defend peace and security in a united front with the struggle against aggressive and militaristic policies of Reagan administration world imperialism, reaction and Chinese hegemonism. We should take our part in the struggle against escalation of nuclear arms race and decreasing international tension."

Touching upon the home affairs, Babrak Karmal paid attention to the necessity to consolidate state power throughout the country, to strengthen party and the Armed Forces.

BAKHTAR Reports 160 Counterrevolutionaries Captured

LD271651 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 27 Jun 84

[Text] Sheberghan, 27 Jun (BAKHTAR) — A group of counterrevolutionary elements who engaged in terror and intimidation to disrupt the peaceful life of the working people of villages in Qerqin and Aqcha Districts, Jowzjan Province, were recently crushed by the vigilant security forces of the province. A total of 160 of these criminals were captured.

A spokesman for the security forces of Jowzjan Province said that as a result of this successful operation a large quantity of assorted weapons was seized, 2 caches of weapons and equipment and 28 hideouts of the counterrevolutionaries were completely destroyed.

Guerrilla Chief 'Back in Panjsher Valley'

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[Balram Tandon dispatch: "Masud 'Back in Panjsher Valley'"]

[Text] New Delhi — Ahmad Shah Masud, the Afghan guerrilla commander, has returned to direct Moslem mujaheddin fighters in the Panjsher valley despite Soviet claims to have blocked all passes, according to reports reaching New Delhi from Kabul.

In Kabul itself, according to reports, handbills are urging refugees from the Panjsher valley to remain in the capital and not return until ordered to by Masud.

Large numbers of valley residents fled earlier this year as Russian forces mounted a major offensive to capture the valley.

The intensification of guerrilla attacks round Bazarak and heavy bombing by Soviet aircraft in the upper as well as lower Panjsher valley areas tend to be proof of Masud's guiding hand.

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Israeli-Syrian POW Exchange

Israel received 3 IDF soldiers and 3 civilians from Syria in return for 291 Syrian POW's captured in Lebanon and 20 other prisoners, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by IDF Radio following the exchange of prisoners at Al-Qunaytirah border crossing point. The two sides also exchanged the corpses of soldiers killed in the 1982 war, he noted, and they have both promised to make every effort to locate soldiers listed as missing in action. Syrian Defense Minister General Mustafa Talas greeted the released Syrian soldiers at Al-Qunaytirah, telling them in a speech reported by Damascus television that Syria is proud of its returning "heroes."

Commenting on Syria's motives in view of its earlier declaration that it would release the Israelis only as part of a wider agreement on IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, IDF Radio linked the exchange with reports that President Hafiz al-Asad is very close to resigning in favor of his brother, Rif'at al-Asad. If the rumors are true, the radio observed, the POW exchange may be Al-Asad's "festive farewell" to his people.

Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir welcomed the return of the Israeli prisoners in a statement reported by IDF Radio. He said Israel is continuing efforts to secure the release of all other Israeli POW's, adding that he hopes the day is near when all of them will return home. In a related statement broadcast by the radio, Defense Minister Moshe Arens noted that four Israelis are still held by the "terrorists" while the fate of three other IDF soldiers missing in Lebanon is still unknown.

Lebanon

Action Near Tripoli — An Israeli warship destroyed a "terrorist" boat after five Israeli sailors were wounded by gunfire when the warship encountered the vessel near the island bombed by Israeli planes on 27 June, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement on IDF Radio. Meanwhile, Voice of Lebanon radio said 20 people were killed and 40 others were wounded in the Israeli raid, and Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon reported that the casualties included fishermen and boy scouts. Baghdad Voice of PLO said that both Palestinian and Lebanese civilians were killed in the attacks, but the Palestinian radio neither confirmed nor denied Israel's claim that the PLO was using the island as a base.

Liaison Office — Israel has "clearly hinted" to the Lebanese Government that it may block electricity and fuel supplies to Beirut if the Lebanese Government expels the Israeli mission from Ad-Dubayyah, the Israeli paper *HATZOFE* reported.

Gulf Conflict

Tanker Attacks — Eight crew members of the Swiss-owned tanker *Tiburon* were killed and three were wounded in the 27 June Iraqi missile attack on the vessel off Khark Island, according to Tehran radio. Iranian fire-fighting vessels continued their efforts to extinguish the fire aboard the ship. Meanwhile, OPEC sources cited by INA reported that Iran has been unable to repair a Khark Island loading jetty that was damaged during the 24 June Iraqi missile attack on the Greek tanker *Alexander the Great*.

UN Delegation — Iran has agreed to allow the UN cease-fire monitoring delegation to visit Khorramshahr and Abadan and has approved the stationing of a three-member team in Tehran to monitor the cease-fire, according a UN spokesman cited by KUNA. Meanwhile, the UN delegation met and conferred with Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati, Tehran radio reported.

Iran

The Soviet delegation led by Deputy Power and Electricity Minister Aleksey Makukhin departed after signing a memorandum on border exchanges and expansion of power stations, Tehran radio reported. Makukhin described his visit as "successful," and a delegation member said that final decisions are in the hands of senior Iranian and Soviet officials. The acting minister of commerce stressed that Iran would "take into consideration" positions adopted regarding Iraq.

Libya-Tunisia

Libya released the three Tunisian border guards who were detained on 8 May when they "strayed" across the Libyan-Tunisian border, JANA announced. The guards were released as a "fraternal gesture." In another "fraternal initiative," Libya released a Tunisian dredger and its 13 crew members on 25 June, JANA announced in an earlier report.